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**TO:** Joe Lehman, Secretary  
Department of Corrections

**FROM:** Marty Brown, Director

**SUBJECT:** Department of Corrections Incident Report #03-57 Does Not Merit Review

Pursuant to RCW 43.41.370 and the Guidelines for Reporting Incidents, the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) reported to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) that Benedict Brunsman, an offender under DOC supervision for the State of Indiana, was arrested for an alleged shooting and killing that occurred on March 19, 2003.

RCW 43.41.370(1) requires the Director of OFM to appoint a loss prevention review team when the death of a person, serious injury to a person, or other substantial loss is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of a state agency, unless the Director in his discretion decides that the incident "does not merit review". Applying the criteria for loss prevention reviews, issued November 18, 2002, I have determined this incident does not merit review. Despite the significance of the loss, a team is being appointed to review certain other incidents in which offenders on community supervision allegedly caused harm. Review of the other incidents at this time holds the greatest potential for helping us avoid or reduce such losses or incidents in the future.

This decision will be posted on the OFM website. If you have any questions about the criteria or their application to this incident, please contact either Matthew Krieger at (360) 902-0585 or Gary Robinson at (360) 902-0528.

cc: Kathy Gastreich